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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY AND NUCLEAR
ASSISTANCE

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1. I MADE DEMARCHE OUTLINED IN REFTEL THIS MORNING JUNE 12 TO
FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY HASHIM OSMAN. I STRESSED SERIOUS
CONCERN THAT IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS CREATING WITHIN USG AND
EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT SUDAN HAD BEEN AMONG THE SPONSORS.

2. OSMAN DID NOT ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL HIS EMBARRASSMENT.
HE HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN INFORMED BY SUDAN DEL NEW YORK THAT
IT HAD CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTION. IN FACT, HE HAD NO INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER AS TO THE CONTENTS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AND
THE LIST OF ITS SPONSORS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY SHAKEN TO LEARN
THAT EGYPT, ALGERIA, AND SAUDI ARABIA HAD NOT RPT NOT
CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTION.

3. OSMAN SPECULATED THAT SUDANESE DELEGATE HAD GONE
ALONG WITH THE ARAB GROUP IN NEW YORK FOR REASONS OF HIS
OWN. OSMAN TWICE STATED THAT THIS ACTION IN NEW YORK WAS
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NOT IN ANY WAY TO BE UNDERSTOOD BY USG AS REFLECTING ON THE
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUDAN AND U.S. OSMAN SAID
HE WOULD MAKE INQUIRIES AND THAT HE PLANNED TO REFER THE
MATTER TO THE PRESIDENT. AFTER THAT, HE WOULD GIVE ME
SUDANGOV'S OFFICIAL REACTION. AS THIS PART OF OUR CONVERSA-
TION DREW TO A CLOSE, OSMAN SAID HE THOUGHT THIS DRAFT
RESOLUTION WAS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IN THAT THE CARTER

ADMINISTRATION, MUCH MORE THAN ITS PREDECESSORS, WAS
SEEKING TO BE EVEN-HANDED IN THE TRANSFER OF ARMS TO
COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.
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